

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are canceled without prejudice and disclaimer. New claims 29-36 are added. Support for the added claims is found in the specification. No new matter is added.

Applicant respectfully submits the new claims are clear and definitive. In view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Asker et al.(US5,815,546). This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of these claims.

However, regarding the applicability of the rejection to the added claims, Applicant respectfully submits the following rationales for allowance.

Specifically, claim 29 states that "when the connection position of the corresponding fragment data in the structured data is immediately before a lower node ("b" in FIG. 6 , "c" in FIG. 7) located one level lower than a given node ("a"), the information (Xpath) specifying the node included in said position information is information specifying the lower node ("/a(1)/b[1]" in FIG.6, "/a[1]/c[1]" in FIG. 7) and the information (position) specifying the connection position of the corresponding fragment data in relation to the specified node is information ("prevSibling") specifying a position, which is at the same level as that of the specified node in relation to a node that is one level higher than that of the specified node and which is immediately before a position of the specified node, as the connection position of a highest node of the corresponding fragment data (supported by FIGs. 6 and 7 and descriptions corresponding thereto), and

when the connection position of the corresponding fragment data in the structured data is immediately after a last node re in FIG.8) of lower nodes located one level lower than a given node ("a" in FIG. 8) or is a position one level lower than a given node ("b" in FIG. 9) having no lower node, the information (Xpath) specifying the node included in said position information is information specifying the given node ("a" in FIG.8, "b" in FIG.9) and the information (position) specifying the connection position of the corresponding fragment data in relation to the specified node is information (nlastChild")

specifying a position, which is a position at one level lower than that of the specified node and which is the last node at the lower level, as the connection position of the highest node of the corresponding fragment data (supported by FIGs. 8 and 9 and descriptions corresponding thereto)."

Asker et al. fails to teach or suggest the above feature and therefore claim 29 is allowable.

Claim 30 includes a feature of information on a name (element name in FIG. 5) of a highest node of the corresponding fragment data, in addition to the feature of claim 29.

Claim 31 includes a feature of information on a content (element type in FIG. 5) of the corresponding fragment data, in addition to the feature of claim 29.

Claim 32 includes both features of information on a name of a highest node of the corresponding fragment data and information on a content of the corresponding fragment data, in addition to the feature of claim 29.

Claim 33 includes a feature of first and second concatenation processing information (supported by FIGs. 2 and 20 and descriptions corresponding thereto), in addition to the feature of claim 29.

Claim 34 includes a feature of information on a name of a highest node of the corresponding fragment data, in addition to the feature of claim 33.

Claim 35 includes a feature of information on a content of the corresponding fragment data, in addition to the feature of claim 33.

Claim 36 includes both features of information on a name of a highest node of the corresponding fragment data and Information on a content of the corresponding fragment data, in addition to the feature of claim 33.

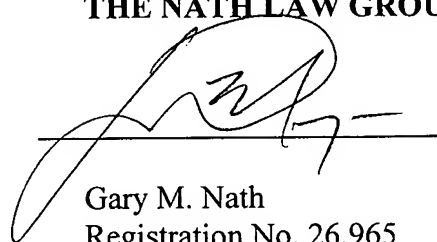
CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call the undersigned.

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